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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Research Staff, DDI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Project on Local Systems 25X1A5a1
in China

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1. I fear we can't be much more encouraging than your own staff [REDACTED]. We
25X1A5a1 gather that [REDACTED] feels that it already has -- or will be able
to acquire -- the local newspapers, gazetteers, hsien reports,
25X1A5a1 and biographies that it will be working with on the problem. The
only other large body of pertinent recent material -- and perhaps
[REDACTED] -- would be the [REDACTED] interrogation 25X1X7
25X1X7 reports produced over the past 15 years. The question of access
[REDACTED] is clearly not ours to cope with.

25X1A5a1 2. As to [REDACTED] expression of frustration at the lack of
maps and the fact that definition of boundaries can be only partially
accurate at best, we are inclined to say, "Welcome to the club!" In
both our 1959 Provisional Atlas of Communist Administrative Units and
our forthcoming Administrative Atlas of Communist China, we have had
to be content with identifying hsien by name, without being able to
25X1A5a1 delineate hsien boundaries. The historical view is obviously impor-
25X1A5a1 tant in [REDACTED]'s approach. About the only practical suggestion we
can make for assisting with [REDACTED] listing of geographical units
and changes therein would be to call their attention to availability
of the following items, some of which did depict hsien boundaries and
which could serve at least as crude bench marks for their study:

25X1A5a1 a. Army Map Service series L531, L532, L581, and
L582, providing coverage of "China Proper" at 1:250,000.
These World War II vintage series were made available to
a number of university map depositories [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
[REDACTED] in the early postwar period. Hsien boundaries
are depicted.

b. A Chinese (Nationalist) General Staff Land Survey
map series covering China at 1:1,000,000, compiled in 1943.
Hsien boundaries are depicted on this unclassified series.

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c. Administrative Divisions of China, CIA/ORE Publication M-10, published in October 1949. This unclassified publication includes lists of hsien, with estimates of area and population for each, under actual or nominal jurisdiction of the National Government as of 1947.

(signed)
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